GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTIO IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the generation/distribution/transmission position of power in private and public sector in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bihar Government has requested for more power from Central pool;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received proposals/requests for setting up new power projects in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The details of actual power generation in the Bihar State during the last three years are given below:-

Sl.No.	Year	Sector	Gross generation in MU		
			Thermal	Hydro	Total
1.	2000-01	State	716	49	765
		Central	4826	-	4826
		Total	5542	49	5591
2.	2001-02	State	673	58	731
		Central	4513	-	4513
		Total	5186	58	5244
3.	2002-03	State	531	59	590
		Central	4995	-	4955
		Total	5526	59	5585

There is no private sector unit in Bihar State.

The Government of India have approved the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution in densely electrified zones in the urban and industrial areas and improvement in commercial viability of State Electricity Boards by reducing the aggregate technical and commercial (AT & C) losses. During the year 2002-03, the Government has sanctioned sub-transmission and distribution (ST&D), metering and DMS/SCADA projects amounting to Rs.737.97 crores for upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution in the State of Bihar. Further, Government of Bihar and BSEB have signed the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement with the Government of India to implement the power reforms in a phased manner. The Government has released Rs.11.16 Crores and Rs.66.11 Crores under APDRP for improvement of ST&D in Bihar during 2000-01 and 2002-03 respectively.

A scheme amounting to Rs.365 crores for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution system in Bihar with a special grant to be made available by the Planning Commission under special economic package for Bihar, (after its bifurcation), has been agreed to.

(c) & (d) Government of Bihar/Bihar State Electricity Board had requested for enhancing allocation from cheaper power station i.e. Talcher STPS of NTPC in the Eastern Region and re-appropriation of allocation between Farakka and Kahalgaon STPS of NTPC. Keeping in view the request of all the constituents in the region, allocation of Bihar from Talcher STPS was increased to the extent possible. In addition, an allocation of 50 MW was made to Bihar from Talcher STPS to meet its commitment for supply of power to Nepal.

(e) & (f) : Detailed project reports (DPR) of the following Hydro-Electric Power Projects received from Bihar Hydel Power Corporation (BHPC) in CEA for Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) were examined and returned for the reasons as indicated below:

Sl.No	Name of the Project	Date of Receipt	Date of Return	Reasons
1.	Sankh Stage-II HEP (2x90+2x3=186MW)	December1997/ December1999	December1998/ January2000	Comments of CEA/CWC were not taken into account.
2.	Kanhar PSS (3x100=300MW)	January 1990/ May 1999	July 1990/ July 1999	Comments of CEA/CWC were not taken into account.
3.	Kadhwan H.E. Project (3x150=450MW) (renamed as Indrapuri)	February 1995	March 1995	Involves Inter-state aspects.